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Foreword

On November 13 and 14, 1991, Institute of Developing Economies held an international symposium on "Indochinese Economic Reconstruction and International Economic Co-operation." We are hereby publishing the papers and proceedings of the symposium as well as some of the salient points of the discussion.

As we are all aware, the cold-war structure that was once dominated by the two super powers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union has ceased to exist on the world political scene, while the international community is now faced with an urgent issue of how to construct a new socio-political framework in view of the new rise of nationalism. In this sense, our international symposium on the Indochinese economic reconstruction is regarded to have been held at the most appropriate time, when we are the most concerned with the future growth or the expansion of the Asian-Pacific region, including Indochina.

It was also very significant for our Institute to be able to invite so many Indochinese experts, who have kindly given their reports and participated in the discussions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have participated in the symposium as well as all those who have come to attend it to show their interest in its objectives. I am also grateful to all those who have helped to organize this international gathering.

I am convinced that the publication of this volume will make a significant contribution to the future discussions on the Indochinese development.

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